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RURAL MAIL SERVICE GROWS.

Increase of 7,492 Routes During Last Fiscal Year—Boxes to be Numbered.

During the past year there have been received at the postoffice department in Washington, nearly 49,000 applications for the establishment of rural service. Up to the close of the fiscal year nearly 12,000 of these had been rejected because of the fact that the proposed routes, in the matter of patronage, fall below the standard required. Of the 4,500 petitions pending at the close of the fiscal year, nearly 1,000 have been assigned for establishment, while the remaining 3,500 are being examined with that end in view. There were 32,058 rural routes in operation on July 1, 1905, or 7,492 more than on July 1, 1904.

To facilitate a more accurate handling of the mail by rural free delivery carriers the postoffice department is arranging for the numbering of all rural letter boxes, which, under the regulations of the department, are entitled to service, and authorizing the delivery by rural letter carriers of ordinary mail matter of all classes addressed to boxes by number alone, so long as improper and unlawful business is not conducted thereby, the same as now permitted in the case of postoffice boxes.

Instructions will be issued to postmasters within a short time to assign to boxes entitled to service consecutive numbers, beginning with the first box reached by the carrier after leaving the postoffice, and a new box erected subsequent to the original numbering will be assigned the next consecutive number in use on the particular route. Boxes on newly established routes will not be numbered until sixty days after the commencement of the service, in order that ample time may be allowed for all prospective patrons to secure boxes.

Lose One and Win One.

The Laclede second nine played two games of base ball last Saturday, one with Sunny Point in the morning and one with Locust Creek in the afternoon. The Sunny Point team got their revenge for the defeat of three weeks ago, winning the game by a score of 22 to 8. They were not used to running or the score would have been larger. Some of the boys who played on the Laclede team couldn't get a place on an 8 year old team.

There were some changes in the line-up in the second game, which Laclede won by a score of 22 to 19. The game was close enough to be interesting, though poorly played. With a couple of changes Laclede would have a fairly good second nine.

For Sale! For Sale!

My restaurant in Laclede, well located and a money-maker. The reason for selling is that the Metropolitan Insurance Co., for which I am agent, compels me to devote all of my time to insurance. J. W. CLEMENTS.

Fall Opening September 4.

"The Position School," the best business college in Missouri, Maupin's Commercial College will have its formal fall opening September 4. Every graduate is guaranteed a position. For free catalogue and full particulars, address Dolph Maupin, Pres., Chillicothe, Mo.

Peculiar Disappearance.

J. D. Runyan, of Butlerville, O., laid the peculiar disappearance of his painful symptoms of indigestion and biliousness to Dr. King's New Life Pills. He says: "They are a perfect remedy for dizziness, sour stomach, headache, constipation, etc." Guaranteed at W. R. Barton's drug store. Price 25c.

From Over the County.

The Forepaugh and Sells shows will be in Brookfield next Thursday and will draw the usual big crowds.

The pump house of the Brookfield water works was burned last week. The loss was fully covered by insurance.

A new business block is being put up at Marceline of cement blocks. It will be the first building of that material put up in the town.

The children at Marceline are ruining the young trees in the park by riding them. A few sprouts from the trees used judiciously on the urchins might break up the practice.

Horace Blossom, a brother of Geo. Blossom, of Brookfield, and a former citizen of this county, was killed in a railroad wreck near Ft. Wayne, Ind., last week. He was a conductor.

Omar A. Evan and Miss Maggie Triplett, both well known and respectable young people of Meadville, were married in Chillicothe on Wednesday of last week. They will reside in Meadville.

The citizenry of Marceline is improving. A few years ago the town was an oasis for every medicine man that came that way while now the smartest fakers on the road find poor picking there.

The labor unions of Marceline are preparing to observe labor day the first Monday in September. The Marceline and Bevier bands will furnish music and base ball and other games will furnish amusement.

T. M. Kimbrough, of Browning, sued the Burlington railroad for damages on account of the company failing to supply cars and delayed the shipment of two cars of cattle. The case was tried in a justice court at Browning last week and resulted in a verdict for plaintiff. Senator Fields represented the plaintiff and C. C. Bigger & Son, of Laclede, appeared for the company. An appeal was taken to the circuit court.

Chula's one-day fair will be held on Thursday, August 31. Chula is a good town, probably none better for its size in the state, but it would scarcely ever be heard of if it was not for Ed. Smith and his newspaper, the News of Chula. On the occasion of the tenth annual one-day fair Smith has hustled around and gotten out a 75-page catalogue that would be a credit to a town of 5,000. Chula has a population of less than five hundred.

The Meadville chautauqua is certainly making good this week. Every feature advertised is being produced—every promise made is being fulfilled. The grounds are an ideal place and the arrangements and accommodations are all that could be desired. The attendance has been large every day, many having tents and remaining on the grounds. Secretary Burke informed us by phone yesterday that he was in receipt of a communication from Rev. Sam Jones stating that he would be there and fill his appointment Saturday afternoon. Carrie Nation is billed for Sunday afternoon and will be there. All who can should attend the remaining sessions.

As the excursion train from the Brookfield fair was returning to Milan on Thursday evening of last week, Walter Clark, a young man 18 years of age, whose home was at Purdin, was swinging from the steps of one car to the other. When a mile north of Linneus his foot struck a cattle guard and he was knocked from the train. When picked up he was unconscious, one arm severed from his body, one leg broken, and he was otherwise injured. He was taken to Purdin, where he died the next morning. Fay Knapp, a young farmer, jumped from the same train in the north suburbs of Linneus and broke his arm just above the elbow.

HERE AND THERE.

Local Items of the Week Gathered For the Busy Blade Readers.

Fred Hanson, one of the big farmers out on route 2, took two cars of fat cattle of his own feeding to Chicago this week. He returned home Tuesday morning.

The public school opens one week from next Monday. Every pupil in the district should be ready and attend the first day and keep it up throughout the term.

Two fine apples weighing a pound each were put on display in the fruit department of this office this week by W. W. Hoskins. They are handsome specimens and show what Linn county can do in the way of fruit.

The mammoth corn crop that is now about insured is going to cause a lively immigration to Missouri this fall. The demand for farm lands is already on the increase and sales are being made in this county every day now.

Postoffice Inspector Reid was in Laclede on official business Wednesday morning. Mr. Reid had just returned from spending his vacation in Colorado and found the hot weather here very oppressive after three weeks spent up in the mountains.

This office received a pleasant call the other day from F. H. Clough, a well known and influential farmer from near Forker. Mr. Clough is one of the solid and substantial men of the county. He has an elegant farm and one of the finest farm residences in the county.

W. L. Love and family of Albia, Iowa, arrived last Sunday on a visit to relatives and friends, guests of Mrs. Love's mother, Mrs. Maggie Ong. Mr. Love is a Burlington conductor and when he takes his vacation each year, instead of rushing off to some summer resort, he does a more sensible thing—hitches his team to a spring wagon and with his family drives down to Laclede, camping out in regular mover fashion and spends a week or so at his old home.

A new school house is being built in the Plum Grove district northwest of Laclede. At a special election held a few weeks ago it was voted to issue \$900 in bonds for a new building. The bonds were issued, sold, and work was begun on the new building this week. The brick foundation is being put in by Geo. Plowman and H. Hendrickson and J. C. Fletcher are doing the carpenter work. The people of that district are to be congratulated on providing a better and more comfortable building in which to educate their children.

F. P. Meeker sends in his check this week from Greely, Colo., to pay for THE BLADE another year. Mr. Meeker is enthusiastic over that part of the country and believes it to be the garden spot of the universe. He says if Linn county people who attend the soldiers reunion at Denver next month want to see the best strip of country in the United States they have only to extend their trip to Greely which is fifty miles north of Denver. He promises to show them many acres the crops on which will yield \$100 per acre.

Cards have been received in Laclede this week announcing the marriage of Miss Lenora Hodson to Geo. D. Evans at St. Louis on Wednesday, August 16, 1905. The bride is well and favorably known in this city and community, in which she lived until three years ago, when she removed to St. Louis. They are spending their honeymoon in the east and on their return will be at home in Madison, Ill., where Mr. Evans is in business. The happy couple certainly have the best wishes of all Laclede.

Some Evening Reveries.

The majority of women do not require extravagant pleasures to keep them happy. All they want is a little attention and considerable thought.

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There are many sad wives all over the land who could be made happy by knowing that one evening each week was certain to bring them the companionship of their husbands and some little pleasant outing.

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The rough experience of the roaring, toiling, stormy world may blot out all other things from the mind, but the picture of our early home must hang forever on the walls of memory until the "silver cord be loosened or the golden bowl be broken."

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A man may be rich in this world's goods, influential through worldly power, great in the world's magnificence; but there is no possession which anyone can call "my own" which can compare with that most priceless of all precious possessions, "my mother."

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The highest need of human society today is a bold and fearless spirit of individuality. A thousand years ago one could be conservative and not fall behind the race. But now, while humanity rides on steam and lightning, one cannot afford to imitate the clumsy gait of those who went through life on foot.

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Next to religion, the home sentiment is the strongest in the human heart. The mere mention of home awakens all the better impulses of the heart. Many a darkened mind is dead to every appeal save that magic word "home." The lives of scores of hundreds who have been snatched as brands from the fires of temptations can testify to the magic power of a sister's early love, while the sudden remembrance of a mother's "good night kiss" has stayed the assassin's dagger. In our most degraded dens of vice, could an unseen hand write the name "mother," lips would quiver and eyes would moisten with tears from those whose every impulse had seemed dead for years.

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A man thinks he loves his wife and children, and because he works hard for their support he needs no other evidence that he loves them. Perhaps he does, but when he constantly reminds them of the expense they are to him and seems to begrudge every dollar paid out to maintain the home and support the family, he spoils the happiness of that family circle by selfish thoughtlessness.

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Nature is a great economist. She makes the most of every opportunity; she works up all odds and ends. After you are wrecked and useless she leaves the wreck upon the rocks or reef upon which you were stranded, and hoists her signal of danger as a warning to others. You lose your life, but nature wants to use you for a warning. You lose your health, but the tell-tales are left in your face to show the world how it went. If by drink, nature hangs out as her sign a red distress signal, it may be, on your nose, in front of your eyes, where you can't escape it, and where everybody you meet reads the terrible warning. Though your life is a failure and you have become useless, nature can still afford to keep you as an object-lesson to warn your fellows.

The Hannibal district Epworth League convention of the M. E. church will be held at Macon on Friday, Saturday and Sunday, September 15, 16 and 17. The programs were printed at this office Wednesday.

RAILROAD COMMISSIONERS HERE.

State and Railroad Officials Held a Meeting at Foreman House Wednesday.

Pursuing its parsimonious policy of cutting down expenses; the Burlington some time ago nailed up its depot and discontinued the station at Cora, a small town in Sullivan county five miles south of Milan. There is a postoffice and several business houses at Cora, and the shutting up of the depot worked a great hardship upon the people of that place, inasmuch as to get supplies they were compelled to be at the platform on arrival of the train and pay the freight to the conductor; otherwise the goods were carried on and dumped off at some other station. The matter was called to the attention of the state railroad commission. A meeting of the commissioners, railroad officials and citizens of Cora was held at the Foreman House in Laclede last Wednesday morning, there being present Railroad Commissioners Knott and Weightman General Superintendent Nutt, of St. Louis; Division Superintendent Ustick and Trainmaster Votaw, of Brookfield; Superintendent Boyles, of Centerville, and Senator Fields, of Browning, who appeared for the business men of Cora, several of whom were present.

The result of the meeting was an agreement from the railroad officials that the depot would be opened and an agent maintained at Cora, which, of course, will be satisfactory to the people of that little town. It is understood that other cases of a similar character will be brought before the commissioners, as the station at Boynton has also been nailed up.

Rural Carriers Troubles.

John T. Cushing, rural letter carrier on route No. 2 out of Linneus had his right arm hurt last Wednesday in a runaway accident. He was delivering mail a few miles east of town when the horse he was driving became frightened and ran off throwing him forward against the glass window in the front end of the cart and cutting a deep gash about three inches long in the fleshy part of his forearm. The wound bled so profusely before it could be bound that Mr. Cushing was considerably weakened by the loss. With the assistance of a neighbor he checked the flow and was driven to town. Last Saturday his wife, who was acting as his substitute as mail carrier, happened to a similar accident, the horse running off with her in the mail cart and fracturing her arm. The injuries of both Mr. and Mrs. Cushing are healing nicely and their friends hope they may soon be entirely recovered.—Bulletin.

Public Is Aroused.

The public is aroused to a knowledge of the curative merits of that great medicinal tonic, Electric Bitters, for sick stomach, liver and kidneys. Mary H. Walters, of 546 St. Clair Ave, Columbus, O., writes: "For several months I was given up to die. I had fever and ague; my nerves were wrecked; I could not sleep, and my stomach was so weak from useless doctors' drugs that I could not eat. Soon after beginning to take Electric Bitters I obtained relief, and in a short time I was entirely cured." Guaranteed at W. R. Barton's drug store; price 50c.

Section Foreman Joe Albin is laying off nursing an injured thumb. He was having the weeds on the right-of-way cut with a mowing machine and in attempting to lift the sickle bar over an obstruction the thumb of his right hand was caught and cut nearly off and broken at the second joint.